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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

A. Dean Sherry, *et al.*

Serial No.: 10/001,858

Filed: November 20, 2001

For: PARAMAGNETIC METAL ION-BASED MACROCYCLIC
MAGNETIZATION TRANSFER CONTRAST AGENTS AND METHOD
OF USE

Group No.: 1616

Examiner: Dameron L. Jones

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Sir:

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR
ELECTION OF SPECIES UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.146

In response to the Official Action of July 14, 2003, the Applicants hereby provisionally elects, without traverse, a species where the variables R, R', R'', R''', R₁, R₂, R₃, R₄, and R₅ are assigned as follows:

R, R', R'', R''' are identical

R₁ is -H

R₂ is -COOH

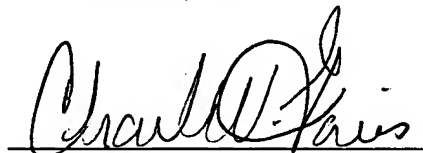
R₃, R₄, and R₅, are not applicable for this species.

For the Examiner's edification, this species corresponds to macrocyclic complex 2, depicted on page 29 of the application. Claim 1 is readable on the elected species.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at (972) 480-8800 if it would expedite the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Charles W. Gaines", written over a horizontal line.

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